



**Meeting of the Burlington Aging Council**  
**Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021 3:00pm – 4:30pm**  
**Draft Minutes**

**Attendance:**

- Jeanne Hutchins, MA**
- Shawn T Hallisey**
- Molly Dugan**
- Jane Catton**
- Beth Hammond**
- Alison Miley**
- Jordan Posner**
- Brian Pine**
- Barbara Shaw-Dorso**
- Glenn McRae**
- Charles J Messing**
- Guest: Ruby Baker COVE**
- Staff: Marcella Gange**

Accountability and Action Plan			
Meeting Date	Action	Date	Person Responsible
11 23 21	Set up google group for documents and communication	Mid Dec	MG
	Review group name and make suggestions - google doc	12 21 21	All members
	Prepare draft Mission statement	Mid Dec	Beth and Charlie
	Review mission and make suggestions - google doc	12 21 21	All members
	Review and seek resources for values & action areas for BAC	12 21 21	All members
	Bring ideas and suggestions for Values and Action Areas	12 21 21	All members
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1. Meeting commenced at 3.45pm. Motion to approve **agenda**, with a change to move the presentation on Lovability and Burlington to the next meeting. Approved.

2. Motion to approve **minutes** of previous meeting, along with a request to implement an action style of minutes for future meetings – including dates and names of responsible. Approved, Catton and Messing
3. **BAC Mission and Goals.** Glen presented the modified State plan graphic, attached, as a suggested structure for the BAC work based upon systems of opportunities and services.

Jane Catton – appreciates this tie back to Older Vermonters Act and Older Americans Act and the fact it is aligned to the Council resolution forming the BAC.

Group moved on to discuss mission and goals – intending to return to the graphic.

**Suggested Mission** for discussion – *“The Burlington Council on Aging’s mission is to connect and enable organizations that promote healthy aging, and advocate for a community that respects and empowers ‘elders’ - older people.”*

Discussion among group – some dissent, suggest moving this to a format where the whole group can read and consider. MG to provide a google document for comment.

**Name of group** – as above request for document where member may post suggestions. Burlington Aging Council is the name offered by City Council. Member suggested using the term ‘elders’

Note to avoid Burlington Council on Aging, as this is a national and statewide term for a specific community group.

MG to provide a google doc for thoughts and ideas

Ruby Baker COVE: Encourages the group to approach the work by rewarding partners that are making space for elders, working collaboratively. Also offers the COVE resource guide and asks to coordinate with the BAC:

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e7e9b4fdc34fb6814cb2714/t/60418192e3cb237c207f350f/1614905752769/2020\\_Cove\\_ResourceGuide\\_Interactive-03%3A04%3A21.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e7e9b4fdc34fb6814cb2714/t/60418192e3cb237c207f350f/1614905752769/2020_Cove_ResourceGuide_Interactive-03%3A04%3A21.pdf)

Suggestion from BP and others that the presentation from Kelly at the next meeting may help us move towards action areas for focus. The presentation will be grounding and help to bring up the focus areas. Also a review of the document presented by Glen gives guidance.

Homework for next meeting – look for resources and think about the focus areas and action ideas required to form an action plan. (Use the diagram for focus ideas)

4. **UVM Capstone Project** – offer from Glenn to access 8-12 grad students from the MPA program to assist the BAC with research on focus areas (and perhaps to expand the focus areas). The students report out in April/May to assist with Action Plan development. Great opportunity for connection building for the students to community and for elders. The idea was enthusiastically accepted and Glenn will proceed.
5. **Next Meeting Dates:** December 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 and January 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 and the third Tuesday of the months following – meeting from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.  
Motion to adjourn at 4.32pm

